

135.150 Gambling treatment program — standards and licensing.

1. *a.* The department shall operate a gambling treatment program to provide programs which may include but are not limited to outpatient and follow-up treatment for persons affected by problem gambling, rehabilitation and residential treatment programs, information and referral services, crisis call access, education and preventive services, and financial management and credit counseling services.

b. A person shall not maintain or conduct a gambling treatment program funded through the department unless the person has obtained a license for the program from the department. The department shall adopt rules to establish standards for the licensing and operation of gambling treatment programs under [this section](#). The rules shall specify, but are not limited to specifying, the qualifications for persons providing gambling treatment services, standards for the organization and administration of gambling treatment programs, and a mechanism to monitor compliance with [this section](#) and the rules adopted under [this section](#).

2. The department shall report semiannually to the legislative government oversight committees regarding the operation of the gambling treatment program. The report shall include but is not limited to information on the moneys expended and grants awarded for operation of the gambling treatment program.

2004 Acts, ch 1136, §55; 2005 Acts, ch 175, §77; 2009 Acts, ch 182, §106

Moneys in former gambling treatment fund that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of FY 2008-2009 transferred to general fund; 2009 Acts, ch 182, §107

Department of public health to implement a process, by July 1, 2010, for creation of a system for uniform delivery of gambling and substance abuse treatment services; 2008 Acts, ch 1187, §3; 2009 Acts, ch 182, §2